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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re the Application of**

**Kenji Katoh et al.**

**Group Art Unit: 3748**

**Application No.: 10/644,869**

**Examiner: D. Tran**

**Filed: August 21, 2003**

**Docket No.: 116911**

**For: METHOD OF PURIFYING EXHAUST GAS OF AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

**Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**Sir:**

**In reply to the March 1, 2005 Office Action, please consider the following:**

**Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and**

**Remarks.**

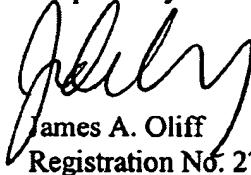
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claim 1, are distinguishable over the applied art. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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